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SUBJECT: DATA REQUIREMENTS FOR A FUNCTIONAL AND REGIONAL
ANALYSIS OF DEFENSE EXPENDITURES

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SUMMARY. AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON DATA REQUIREMENTS FOR A
FUNCTIONAL AND REGIONAL ANALYSIS OF DEFENSE EXPENDITURES MET ON
SEPTEMBER 27 AND AGREED IS WOULD DRAFT SIMPLIFIED FORMAT FOR
GATHERING DATA ON FUNCTIONAL DEFENSE SPENDING. WG IS TO MEET AGAIN
IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS TIME TO REVIEW SIMPLIFIED FORMAT. END SUMMARY.

1. AT SEPTEMBER 27 MEETING OF AD HOC WORKING GROUP (UNDER AEGIS
OF AD-70 EWG) ON DATA REQUIREMENTS FOR A FUNCTIONAL AND REGIONAL
ANALYSIS OF DEFENSE EXPENDITURES, CHAIRMAN STRESSES THAT FORMAT
REQUESTING FUNCTIONAL SPENDING WOULD HAVE TO BE SENT OUT TO
COUNTRIES BY THE END OF OCTOBER IF INFORMATION IS TO BE RETURNED
TO NATO IN TIME (EARLY 1974) TO BE UTILIZED TO BEEF UP SECTION
ON "FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC BASIS OF DEFENSE PLANNING" OF SPRING
1974 AD-70 REPORT. HENCE WG AGREED THAT IS WOULD DRAFT A
SIMPLIFIED FORMAT COVERING SELECTED FUNCTIONAL ITEMS. IS DRAFT
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IS TO BE CIRCULATED DURING FIRST WEEK OF OCTOBER. WG IS TO MEET
IN ABOUT 2 WEEKS TIME TO SEEK COUNTRY AGREEMENT TO FORMAT. WE
WILL FORWARD SIMPLIFIED DRAFT FORMAT WHEN RECEIVED.

2. IS DRAFT FORMAT ON FUNCTIONAL DEFENSE SPENDING IS TO EMPHASIZE AREAS IDENTIFIED AS BEING OF CRITICAL MILITARY IMPORTANCE TO NATO (ANTI-TANK, SHELTERS, ETC.) AND WILL PROBABLY ONLY ASK FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE DATA. DRAFT FORMAT WILL, WHEN FEASIBLE, TAKE ACCOUNT OF NATIONAL SUGGESTIONS FOR FUNCTIONAL BREAKOUT. US FORMAT FURNISHED IN STATE 192052 WAS CIRCULATED AT SEPTEMBER 27 MEETING. NORWEGIAN AND UK SUGGESTIONS (BASED ENTIRELY ON NATIONAL FUNCTIONAL BREAKOUTS) HAVE BEEN CIRCULATED IN AC/281(DR)-N(73)1 (POUCHED).

3. CHAIRMAN STILL INTENDS AT A LATER DATE TO COME UP WITH A COMMON FORMAT GIVING COVERAGE TO AS MANY FUNCTIONAL ITEMS AS IS FEASIBLE. AFTER AGREEMENT IS REACHED ON AN INTERIM LIMITED FORMAT COVERING SELECTED FUNCTIONAL ITEMS, CHAIRMAN HOPES TO HOLD AN INFORMAL MEETING WITH NATIONAL EXPERTS TO CONTINUE SEARCH FOR A MORE DETAILED COMMON NATO FORMAT, INCLUDING INFORMATION ON SUPPORT AND PERSONNEL COSTS. DATA REQUESTED IN MORE DETAILED FORMAT WOULD BE USED IN POST SPRING 1974 AD-70 REPORTS. QUESTIONS OF MEETING OF NATIONAL EXPERTS IS TO BE DISCUSSED AT NEXT WG MEETING.

4. GENERAL REACTION IS PESSIMISTIC THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO COLLECT DATA NEEDED FOR A MEANINGFUL FUNCTIONAL BREAKDOWN OF DEFENSE EXPENDITURES. EVEN IF DATA COULD BE GATHERED, NETHERLANDS AND UK WERE PARTICULARLY VOCAL IN EXPRESSING DOUBTS ABOUT USEFULNESS OF A FUNCTIONAL/REGIONAL ANALYSIS OF DEFENSE SPENDING.

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